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AND GERMANY

1. RECENT QUADRIPARTITE CONTACTS AT THE POLITICAL
DIRECTOR LEVEL RESULTED IN TENTATIVE AGREEMENT TO HOLD A
SENIOR LEVEL MEETING IN LONDON ON THE MORNING OF MAY 7,
LOOKING TOWARD A POSSIBLE MEETING OF THE FOUR FOREIGN MINIS-
TERS SOME TIME LATER THAT WEEKEND. US REP SHOULD CONFIRM
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IN BONN GROUP OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THIS SCENARIO.

2. CONCERNING THE AGENDA FOR THE SENIOR LEVEL MEETING,
US REP SHOULD SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING:

(A) COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE

(B) A BRIEF ASSESSMENT OF THE BERLIN SITUATION, WITH SOME FOCUS (IF POSSIBLE IN THE LIMITED TIME REMAINING) ON POLITICO-ECONOMIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS.

(C) BERLIN IN THE CONTEXT OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS. THIS WOULD INVOLVE SOME DISCUSSION OF BERLIN'S PERSPECTIVES IN THE LIGHT OF THE SECRETARY'S AND VAN WELL'S MOSCOW VISITS.

(D) THE STATUS OF INNER-GERMAN RELATIONS.

(E) ALLIED BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE GDR.

3. SHOULD ADDRESSEES HAVE OTHER SUBJECTS THEY WISH TO ADD, PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT. IN THE MEANTIME, BONN GROUP SHOULD BEGIN DRAFTING ITEMS IN PARA 2.

4. FYI. PRESIDENT CARTER HAS AGREED TO MEET WITH THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UK, FRANCE AND THE FRG FOR A DISCUSSION OF BERLIN AND GERMANY ON THE MORNING OF MAY 9. PRESENT THINKING IS TO HAVE A FOUR POWER DECLARATION ON BERLIN ISSUED AS A RESULT OF THAT MEETING. DEPT WILL BE PREPARING A DRAFT FOR BONN GROUP CONSIDERATION IN COMING DAYS. END FYI

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